Government of India
Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
Department of Consumer Affairs

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5269
TO BE ANSWERED 27.03.2018

PRICES OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES

5269. SHRI BADRUDDIN AJMAL:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether wholesale and retail prices of essential food items have drastically surged during the last two years;
(b) if so, the details thereof, item-wise;
(c) whether retail inflation of essential items has increased;
(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
(e) the corrective measures taken by the Government?

ANSWER
उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण राज्य मंत्री
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THE MINISTER OF STATE
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

(a) & (b) : Item-wise details of All India daily average retail and wholesale prices of 22 essential food items is at **Annexure**.

(c) to (e): All India inflation rates(%) based on Consumer Price Index(CPI) and Consumer Food Price Index(CFPI), brought out by M/o Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) are as under:

Base 2012=100

	Inflation rate (%)	
Year	**CPI**	**CFPI**
February, 2016	5.26	5.30
February, 2017	3.65	2.01
February, 2018 (P)	4.44	3.26

(P): Provisional

Government has taken various measures from time to time to stabilize prices of essential food items which, inter-alia, include appropriately utilizing trade and fiscal policy instruments like import and export duty, Minimum Export Price, export restrictions, etc. to regulate domestic availability and moderate prices; imposition of stock limits; and, provision of higher Minimum Support Prices to incentivize farmers for increasing production. Government is implementing Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), for holistic growth of the horticulture sector covering fruits, vegetables, etc. Besides, Government is also implementing Price Stabilization Fund (PSF) scheme to help moderate the volatility in prices of agri-horticultural commodities like onion, potato and pulses.

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ANNEXURE

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5269 FOR 27.03.2018 REGARDING PRICES OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES.

Commodities	All India Daily Average Retail Price (**₹/Kg**)			All India Daily Average Wholesale Price (**₹/Qtl**)		
	Price As On	1 Year Ago	2 years Ago	**Price As On**	1 Year Ago	2 years Ago
	21-03-2018	21-03-2017	21-03-2016	**21-03-2018**	21-03-2017	21-03-2016
Rice	**30.36**	28.99	26.35	**2720.51**	2589.76	2353.24
Wheat	**24.62**	24.51	22.82	**2197.09**	2164.94	2012.45
Atta (Wheat)	**26.92**	26.64	24.16	**2368.15**	2325.5	2135.17
Gram Dal	**70.03**	87.92	65.66	**6302.39**	7994.22	6034.11
Tur/Arhar Dal	**73.5**	87.77	133.77	**6696.39**	8081	12474.1
Urad Dal	**73.62**	97.64	133.18	**6690.22**	8936.34	12452.07
Moong Dal	**73.71**	78.47	100.68	**6691.83**	7047.05	9262.96
Masoor Dal	**61.99**	74.03	78.7	**5477.83**	6638.49	7194.17
Sugar	**40.09**	42.32	34.85	**3735.45**	3967.24	3254.69
Milk (per litre/100 litre)	**42.17**	40.96	39.87	**3941.34**	3763.18	3726.38
Groundnut Oil	**126.36**	133.48	122.72	**11915.41**	12481.84	11552.21
Mustard Oil	**106.78**	110	104.06	**9783.74**	10029.49	9611.47
Vanaspati	**80.16**	77.62	69.76	**7431.57**	7091.99	6469.81
Soya Oil	**88.6**	85.82	80.11	**8282.19**	7910.76	7418.66
Sunflower Oil	**94.16**	93.38	94.39	**8809.24**	8725.97	8970.22
Palm Oil	**76.54**	70.3	64.26	**7150.28**	6534.73	6052.44
Gur	**43.76**	43.16	38.49	**3890**	3810.01	3395.9
Tea Loose	**206.53**	199.23	197.69	**18416.4**	17725.68	17926.07
Salt Pack	**14.85**	14.85	15.3	**1243.52**	1236.88	1320.53
Potato	**16.11**	13.43	14.09	**1196.82**	967.93	1109.24
Onion	**25.09**	14.4	16.06	**1956.7**	1063.45	1231.54
Tomato	**17.02**	16.79	16.49	**1218**	1252.39	1234.99

Source: State Civil Supplies Departments

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